

Osakis Lutheran Church

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***Osakis Lutheran Church
2024 Church Council***

President— Kristen Will

President Elect - Stephanie Finnegan

Past President—

Secretary— Sarah Redetzke

Treasurer— Nancy Exley

Financial Secretary— Cindy Christensen

Worship— Shelly Engfer-Triebebach

Education/Youth— Jessie Thornbloom

Trustees— Travis Redetzke

Stewardship/Deacons— Mike Curtis

Church Office Hours:

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Church phone: 320-859-2350

The deadline for the bulletin is
Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Action News deadline is the
20th of the month.

Committees and the congrega-
tion are welcome to contribute
news!!!

Osakis Lutheran exists to: “Honor Christ, Strengthen believers and Serve others.”

Minister’s Greeting

Dear OLC Family

Here we are in April already.

I hope you enjoyed your time during lent suppers, mentorship, worship, Holy Week, and Easter. A lot was going on. But Easter is not over, we continue for six more weeks.

“Embracing Stewardship”

Stewardship is about love; down, in and out.

Stewardship is everything I do after I say, “I Believe.” It is a way of life. It is a way that we live out our callings as disciples. Stewardship is really all about love. Love is best understood not only in words, but also indeed. As written in 1 John 3:18, “Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” Stewardship is the way we love with all that God has entrusted to our care. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39) “The human being is, as God’s steward, accountable to God and responsible for its fellow creatures.” I define stewardship as the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care to love God and our neighbor.

We all have gifts and the kids too. Please consider being a Greeter, Usher, Reader, Tech Help, and Helping with Fellowship Treats.

God Blessing OLC Folks

In Christ’s Love

Minister George

Other News:

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Minister George Heideman is available
24/7 by phone 763-843-6720.

His email address is:
gheid121212@gmail.com

Osakis Lutheran Church Council Meeting

March 4th, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Present: Minister George Heidemann, President Kristen Will, Mike Curtis, Nancy Exley, Stephanie Finnegan, Shelly Triebenbach, Travis Redetzke, and Sarah Redetzke.

The meeting was called to order by President Kristen Will

Minister George gave devotions.

Council members shared their highs and lows.

Approval of Agenda

Carillon money, Parsonage, and clutter were added to the agenda.

Stephanie Finnegan made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Nancy Exley. Agenda approved.

Old Business

Minutes were reviewed. Travis Redetzke made a motion to approve the minutes from February's meeting, 2nd by Mike Curtis. Minutes approved.

Council updated use of the church fees. Mary Redetzke requested to have a Facilitator Charge for funerals. Council decided that \$75 would be appropriate.

Travis Redetzke spoke to Maas-Rowe about the Carrillon. A 50% deposit to order the repairs for the Carillon will be made. The total package will cost \$7,000. The Carillon would be digital.

Radon mitigation at the parsonage will be finished soon. It was decided that we would not fix the downstairs bathroom at the parsonage. Council discussed authorizing Travis Redetzke to the sign the papers to list the parsonage for sale. Motion made by Mike Curtis, 2nd by Stephanie Finnegan.

New Business

OLC will be having a rummage sale to get rid of all the clutter that we have accumulated in the church through the years. It will take place on May 4th from 8-2.

Reports

Minister George reported that there will be an ad in the local papers for a secretary. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer-Nancy reported that income to date is \$19,631.00 and \$22,885.81 in expenses to date. Offering income for February was \$5,933.00 with \$7,000 moved from savings for bills and VBS. Bills were paid for February were \$15,026.08

Stewardship-Mike stated that there was nothing new.

Education-there will be a movie on April 7th and another children led service this spring.

Trustees-Travis reported that he looked into insurance. Discussion was made of changing the deductible. We will rerun the numbers after the parsonage is sold.

Worship-There will be rolls before church on Easter Sunday.

Minister George led us in the Lord's Prayer concluding the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting is Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Update

The new bell system will be ringing soon. (If it all goes well, it will be working by the time you are reading this!) The new bell system has a much easier interface to make changes to what it plays. I will be trying to set it to play very similarly to when it was fully functioning.

The parsonage is set to go on the market either at the end of March or the beginning of April. We did hire someone to come in and mitigate the radon at the parsonage. That has been completed, and the tests now show acceptable levels.

I have been trying to identify items that need some maintenance or repair around the church. If you see anything that you feel needs attention, please let me know.

Thanks

Travis Redetzke

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED

Osakis Lutheran Church is ISO:

P/T Secretary Position

20-24 hours/week @ \$15.00/hour.

Knowledge of the church calendar is a plus.

Miscrosoft Office, Power Point, and Publisher necessary. Technology background helpful.

Attention to detail, a self starter and communication skills are needed.

Please send resume to:

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P.O. Box 427

Osakis, MN 56360

Direct any questions to Nancy Exley @

320-859-2350



Prayer Concerns

Please call 320-859-2350 for your special prayer requests!

Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, Lil Ortendahl,
Grace Johnson and Axel Vik

Community Memorial Home: Elaine Mattson,

Terrace Heights: Alice Sanders

Westview Assisted Living: Madlyn Manders

Please remember to include those who are our friends, neighbors, and members of Osakis Lutheran with a prayer, greeting, or a card!

Don Jensen passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2024. The family is planning a memorial service at a later date. Please keep Don and his family in your prayers.

March 3, 2024 Attendance 41

Envelopes	\$1,170.00
Loose	100.00
Lent	254.00
Dedicated	8.00
Online 3-4 -24	110.00

Total: \$1,642.00

March 6 & 10, 2024 Attendance 30 & 32

Envelopes	\$ 920.00
Loose	71.00
Lent	92.00
Online 3-11-24	470.00

Total: \$ 1,553.00

March 13 & 17, 2024 Attendance 15 & 31

Envelopes	\$ 500.00
Church rent	40.00
Lent	90.00
Dedicated	341.00
Online 3-18-24	90.00

Total: \$1,061.00

March 20 & 24, 2024 Attendance 29 & 36

Envelopes	\$1,570.00
Loose	15.00
Lent	80.00
Dedicated	122.00
Online 3-25-24	595.00

Total \$2,382.00

March 28, 29 & 31 will be available after April 7.

Thank you all for your continued support of Osakis Lutheran Church

Financial Update for the Congregation

Offering given in March	\$5,373.00
Online offering	1,265.00
Thrivent receipts	244.00
March bills paid	\$5,524.11
March payroll	4,917.91

Thank you for your continued support!

Nancy Exley, Treasurer

'April Birthday'



Birthdays:

04/01 Gregory Johnson
04/03 Chloe Bjorstrom
04/15 Carol Nack
04/15 Amanda Steinbeisser
04/18 Abby Will
04/18 Morgan Will
04/20 Trenton VanNyhuis
04/22 Linda Blake
04/24 Michael Curtis
04/24 Lawrence Lewin
04/27 Beverly Schultz
04/28 Morgan Staloch
04/29 Dinara Dykema
04/29 Leah Maddock
04/29 Madlyn Manders
04/30 Joe Johnson
04/30 Mary Redetzke



"Make a joyful sound to the Lord! The praise team is looking for new participation. We rehearse 9 am before the 1st and 3rd Sundays when leading worship. Please contact Shelly Engfer-Triebebach if interested.

shellyet163@gmail.com 320.296.1973."

Funeral Services for Myron (Mike) Barber will be held at Osakis Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Please check with Roy-Hetland Funeral Home for time.

Mike passed away earlier this winter, January 2, 2024.

Our new and updated Carillon has been installed. Sounds wonderful to hear the bells again!! We are looking to do a dedication sometime in the near future. Thank you to our wonderful congregation for making this possible; and thank you Travis Redetzke for ordering and installing our new equipment.

Osakis Lutheran Church

Council President News

Dear Friends,

Rejoice this Easter season! There is much to be thankful for, especially the gift of the Son. I hope this message finds you well, in good health, enjoying those you love, and hopeful in the promise of spring.

I've been thinking a lot about what to write in this letter this month. Thus far, I've tried to keep you all abreast of the church business. My reasoning was so that everyone would be a part of what was going on at the church. However, that has possibly sent a message of our church as a "business" or a "bank" which was not my intention. This made me think, then, what is our church? We have certainly had many changes over the past few years, including a substantial exodus from the pews. But what REALLY makes a church a home? Is it the building? Is it the pastor/minister? No. I truly feel that it is the PEOPLE that make a church a home. It is the willingness to step up and become a part of the church. To be the church. That is what truly makes a church a home, a place that people desire to be a part of. It is the sense of welcome and comfort when you enter, a feeling of peace that washes over you, a feeling that this is where you belong. I also feel that it is up to each and every one of us to become that person who welcomes, who invites, who makes everyone else feel seen. No doubt, it was much easier to be a member when there were many others lining

the pews, many others willing to step up and help plan, implement, and engage. I also agree that we live in a different time than the recent past. Most of our homes are dual-income earners. There is less time in the day, and somehow, more to do. The days of the "Church Basement Ladies" are dwindling, and with them, a connection to our church, a connection to one another, and a connection to "what was" is waning as well. I believe that we make our own destiny. If we want to have a vibrant, healthy congregation, it is up to all of us to BE that vibrant, healthy congregation! I believe that we all have that in us, and I hope that you do, as well. During this season of gratefulness for the gift of Jesus Christ, let us all be thankful for the gift of each other. Thank you for all of your support for Osakis Lutheran! Let us continue on with hopefulness for our church!

Kristin Will



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Our youth will be leading us in Worship again on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

We ask that all youth come to the April 17, 2024 Pathfinders session to help us plan this service.

**Graduation Sunday is May 12, 2024. We will celebrate our Seniors at service.
More information to come.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Luther Crest Vacation Bible School at Osakis Lutheran Church is July 8th through July 11th.

Registration Forms will be available in May.